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"I AM THE MAN"

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"Synopsis"

James Mc Guade, a political power who has risen from the depths of sordid-wardest leadership of his part. He has always and up to the opening of the story has never his slightest wish gratified.

Robert Mc Guade, his younger brother, is his and right-hand man in all his deals.

James loves Julia Calvert, but has not found his affections reciprocated; therefore in keeping with his policy of securing whatever he desires, he has framed her father in such a manner that he is certain to go to jail unless interceded for by himself. He has his message to Miss Calvert conveyed and she, realizing that a prison term will mean her father's death, agrees to marry him, if he will have her father freed.

This is a noble sacrifice on her part for she is in love with and loved by Daniel Harrington, a young attorney who has been defending her father.

James marries her and her father is freed.

Robert, only a shade less clever than James, is even more unscrupulous and has a strong leaning towards women and song. He meets and is enamored of Corinne, a musical comedy actress who is desirous of working with a leading producer. In order to win her good graces, he promises to secure this. Corinne is loved by Billy Gray, a young boy who is successful, nevertheless earns enough to support the responsibilities of matrimony. He endeavors to persuade Corinne to give up the stage and marry him, but while she loves him, she is desirous of pursuing her career.

Robert is in love with his brother's wife, but all his advances have been repulsed. This angers him, and he instills in James' mind the belief that his wife is untrue to him, still being in love with her former sweetheart. At first James refuses to believe, but gradually the doubt creeps into his mind, and he determines to obtain positive proof of his wife's infidelity. To this end he circulates a report that he is leaving the city for several days, and returns at night to find a party going on in his home with his wife, Robert, Corinne Stratton and the theatrical producer whom Robert had promised would employ Corinne.

Corinne finds out that Robert has not kept his word, and is merely playing with her, and in anger at this discovery, stages that she could kill him for what he has done.

James, concealed, witnesses his brother's treacherous love-making, and from behind the curtains where he is hidden, x shoots and kills Robert. He throws the gun on the floor and escapes. Corinne hears the shot and enters the room. She is discovered standing over the body of Robert, and is accused of his murder. Circumstantial evidence coupled with the fact she had made on his life, point to certain conviction. James feels secure. That an innocent life must pay the price for his crime does not disturb him. So safe and sure he is that he attends the final day of trial, where he is shocked to learn that Corinne Stratton is his daughter by a former marriage, whom he had deserted when she was a baby.

Overcome by remorse, he halts the trial and promises to supply the judge with positive proof of the guilt of the real murderer if an adjournment will be granted for a day. This request, owing to his political prominence is acceded to. He retires to his home, makes a written confession in which he states "I Am The Man," and then sends for his wife, Corinne Stratton, the now district attorney Deville Harrington and Corinne's sweetheart,. Just before they arrive, he takes poison and dies, thus cheating justice but reuniting his wife with her real love, and his daughter with her sweetheart.

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